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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

8 November 29, 2011

Dear Supervisors:

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT FUNDING (AB 2994 SURPLUS CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND) ALL SUPERVISORAL DISTRICTS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve extending funding allocations for an additional 2 years from surplus funds available through AB 2994 for five contracts previously approved by the Board and authorize and delegate authority to the Interim Director, or designee, of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to execute these contract extensions as follows:
 - \$68,786 annual contract amount for **Friends Outside** in Los Angeles County for the Incarcerated Parents Program, a Program for Foster Child Visitation with Incarcerated Parents in Supervisorial District IV from February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2014 for a maximum contract sum of \$137,572.
 - \$115,800 annual contract amount for **Friends of the Family (FOF)** for a Family Visitation Center and Safe Child Custody Exchange Program in Supervisorial District III from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014 for a maximum contract sum of \$231,600.
 - \$109,000 annual contract amount for **Grace Resource Center (GRC)** for a Family Visitation Center and Safe Child Custody Exchange Program in Supervisorial District V from May 15, 2012 to May 14, 2014 for a maximum contract sum of \$218,000.



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- \$100,000 annual contract amount for **Gramercy Housing Group (GHG)** to provide Services for Single Parents Between the Ages of 18 and 24 who are Pregnant or Have a Young Child Under the Age of 5 (some of whom may be emancipated foster youth in Supervisorial District II from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014 for a maximum contract sum of \$200,000.
 - \$100,000 annual contract amount for **Alma Family Services** for a program addressing Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Services for Developmentally Disabled Children in Supervisorial District I from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014 for a maximum contract sum of \$200,000.
2. Authorize and delegate authority to the DCFS Interim Director, or designee, to execute amendments to Program Statements of Work (SOW) as needed.

BACKGROUND

In 1982, the Governor of California signed into law two bills aimed at preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. The first bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 1733/Papan (Chapter 1398, Statutes of 1982), authorized the allocation of state funding to counties for child abuse prevention and intervention services offered by public and private, non-profit agencies.

The second law, AB 2994/Imbrecht (Chapter 1399, Statutes of 1982), established a County Children's Trust Fund for the purpose of funding child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private, nonprofit organizations. AB 2994 requires that \$4.00 of any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate shall be paid to a County Children's Trust Fund.

Both of these laws provide that a designated multi-disciplinary child abuse council develop and recommend funding priorities to the Board of Supervisors. In Los Angeles County, the designated child abuse council is the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN).





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As discussed in the adopted Board Letters first approving funding for these programs, ICAN engaged in a very serious and lengthy process to review and evaluate the proposals for these programs. ICAN formed a special Ad Hoc Group comprised of members from numerous County and City agencies including the Department of Children and Family Services, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation Department, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Health Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office and the Community Child Abuse Councils. This Ad Hoc Group held face-to-face meetings and engaged in an extensive process to vet these proposals so that any concerns regarding the proposals could be addressed, and to reach consensus regarding recommending approval for funding the programs. During this process, the Ad Hoc Group made some significant improvements to the proposals. All five programs were also approved by the ICAN Policy Committee.

Justification

All of these programs were set up as two-year demonstration projects. Given the complicated process of developing Statements of Work (SOW) and negotiating contracts with the agencies providing the services for these programs, most of them initiated services later than initially anticipated. Feedback and evaluative information provided by DCFS has indicated that these programs have adjusted their services to accomplish the goals established when the programs were first evaluated for funding and are meeting critical unmet needs for children, youth and families. ICAN, in consultation with the DCFS Program Managers responsible for monitoring these programs, is recommending that these programs be extended for an additional two-year period.

RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS

ICAN is now seeking your Board's approval for extending these special allocations of surplus AB 2994 funds for the following programs:





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Incarcerated Parents Program

Friend's Outside in Los Angeles County, in collaboration with DCFS and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, is working to decrease the emotional trauma experienced by children resulting from their parents' incarceration. The Incarcerated Parents Program creates opportunities for improved contact between parents and their children and works to ensure that these relationships are nurtured. Case management services are also provided to the parents while incarcerated to assist them in accessing services to address any underlying issues and to support increased communication and attachment with their children. Increased visitation and communication has proved to have an impact in decreased recidivism and decreased time to reunification within the child welfare and criminal justice systems.

Family Visitation Center and Safe Child Custody Exchange Programs

Two of the prior approved programs are connected and have been implemented in separate supervisorial districts through two linked non-profit community based agencies, **Friends of the Family in District III and Grace Resource Center in District V.**

The program for Family Visitation Centers designates local churches where meaningful visits can take place between children in out-of-home care and their birth parents in a safe, child and family friendly environment. The centers are a place where the birth parents can have monitored, supervised visitation with their children in a setting that is conducive to parent/child interaction. The Safe Child Custody Exchange Program assists parents in the transfer of their children from one to the other for visitation and/or custody. The program provides a safe environment within which custody exchanges are handled peacefully and without trauma to the children. This program partners with local law enforcement to assure the visitation exchanges take place at safe exchange sites.





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Services for Single Parents Between the Ages of 18 and 24 who are Pregnant or Have a Young Child Under Age 5 (some of whom may be emancipated foster youth)

In Los Angeles County, there is a critical shortage of housing options for homeless families, especially young parents who are homeless and/or have been recently emancipated from the foster care system. Through this successful program run by **Gramercy Housing Group (GHG)**, services are provided to single parents between the ages of 18 and 24 who are pregnant or who have young children, including emancipated foster youth. All of the families are female-headed, and have an income at or below the Federal Poverty Level at the time of entering the program. GHG's intentions are to break the cycle of abuse and neglect by stabilizing the family in housing, providing intense case management and surrounding the family with relative support services.

Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Project for Developmentally Disabled Children

Alma Family Services has begun a child abuse and neglect prevention/early intervention project that serves developmentally disabled children. The overall project goal is to provide child abuse prevention/early intervention, specialized case management services for developmentally disabled children who have been abused or neglected to prevent re-victimization of these children. Alma is working to build and strengthen the bridge between DCFS staff, Regional Center staff and other community service providers. The program provides appropriate specialized case management support and services, parent training, support groups, and education for these families on how to prevent future abuse and neglect.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the County. AB 2994 funds are birth certificate surcharge funds deposited into the County's Children's Trust Fund. The DCFS Finance Section has assured ICAN that sufficient funds remain with





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the Children's Trust Fund to continue funding these five programs for an additional two years.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

DCFS has responsibility for administering contracts between the County and private, non-profit community based agencies that receive funding through AB 2994. The overall goal of this funding is to support child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment efforts and activities to help protect the families and children of Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deanne Tilton", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Deanne Tilton

Executive Director

Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN)

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- c: Sheriff Leroy Baca, ICAN Chairperson
- William Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Phillip Browning, Interim Director, DCFS
- ICAN Policy Committee
- ICAN Operations Committee
- Children's Board Deputies

